

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PADESH

ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department - PIP- "Investigation, Survey, Preparation of Designs & Drawings and L.P. Schedules etc., (Balance) and (1) Construction of Earth Dam Gaps I & III, Earth Cum Rock Fill Dam for Gap - II, Spill channel, Approach Channel and Pilot channel (2) Construction of Spillway with crest level +25.72 m and its ancillary works and (3) Excavation of foundations of 960 MW Hydro Electric Power House, Approach channel, Intake structure, Tail race pool, Tail race channel etc., of Polavaram Irrigation Project on EPC Turn Key including O & M"- Imprest amount with the Superintending Engineer, Polavaram Irrigation Project Head Works Circle, Dowlaiswaram - Orders - Issued-

WATER RESOURCES (PROJECTS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 253

Dated: 29-05-2017

Read:

From the ENC,PIP, Dowlaiswaram, Lr.No. ENC/PIP/DCE/OT3/
AEE1/F.20,Vol.I, dated. 23-04-2017.

ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PIP has submitted that the work "PIP- Investigation, Survey, Preparation of Designs & Drawings and L.P. Schedules etc., (Balance) and (1) Construction of Earth Dam Gaps I & III, Earth Cum Rock Fill Dam for Gap - II, Spill channel, Approach Channel and Pilot channel (2) Construction of Spillway with crest level +25.72 m and its ancillary works and (3) Excavation of foundations of 960 MW Hydro Electric Power House, Approach channel, Intake structure, Tail race pool, Tail race channel etc., of Polavaram Irrigation Project on EPC Turn Key including O & M" has been entrusted to M/s Transstroy-JSC-EC-UES (JV) vide agreement No.01/2012-13, dated. 17-10-2016. Subsequently as per Government Instructions a supplementary agreement was also concluded with the contracting agency with revised rates vide supplementary agreement No. 1/2016-17, dated. 07-10-2016. The works are under brisk progress.

2. In this regard it is to submit that the Government desires to complete substantial works of Polavaram Head works by June-2018 for diverting the Godavari Water into canals by gravity and total works of the project by June-2019 and reap the benefits early to the people of Andhra Pradesh. Further it is to submit that to meet the dead line fixed by the Government the contracting agency has to coordinate all the activities of works as per the approved construction programme. Various components of the project like Diaphragm wall under Earth cum Rock fill dam, Spillway concreting works, Fabrication of Radial Gates, Spill channel excavation, approach channel excavation, Power house foundation excavation works are already under progress and at various stages of completion. Further the designs & drawings of coffer dam both u/s & d/s of Earth cum rock fill dam are submitted to CWC and the construction of cut off walls of coffer dams have to be commenced immediately. The construction of the project requires various critical equipments like heavy duty cranes, trench cutters, huge excavators, etc as well as skilled operations. Apart from the machinery, the project construction involves numerous tests & studies which need to be conducted during the execution of the project. Though it is the responsibility of contracting agency to take care of above activities according to

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agreement conditions, in many occasions the contracting agency failed to attend to those requirements due to cash flow problem ultimately affecting the progress of works. Further it is to submit that the Polavaram Irrigation Project was declared as National project and the construction work of project is being monitored by Polavaram Project Authority as well as Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India.

3. The Engineer-in-Chief, PIP has also submitted that in review meeting held by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 13/03/2017, Mr. Bhargava Adviser, Project Management suggested that there is need to empower the site based team to enable them take decisions on technical and financial matters instead of waiting for decisions from the Government. Mr. Bhargava also proposed that financial empowerment to project-in-charge can be made by allocating an amount of Rs.200 crores which can be used as a rolling advance/imprest amount which can be deducted from subsequent R.A bills. Mr Bhargava suggested that this can bring down time of critical equipment to lower levels as some of the machines which are unutilized due to unavailability of spares, minor glitches etc can be made operational. The Hon'ble chief Minister instructed Mr Bhargava & Engineer-in-Chief , PIP Unit Dowlaiswaram to take immediate necessary steps in implementing above said suggestions duly submitting a note to Secretary, Water Resources Department and also to draft guidelines. Further, it is to submit that the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the review meeting held on 17/04/2017 again instructed to expedite the progress of the project and ensure immediate pressing needs of the project are addressed at site itself an imprest amount of Rs.20-25 crores should be provided to the Superintending Engineer, PIPHW Circle, Dowlaiswaram.

4. Accordingly, the Superintending Engineer, PIPHW Circle, Dowlaiswaram submitted a proposal on the subject matter suggesting following items for which payments can be made by the project Authorities directly and effect recovery from the running Bills of agency irrespective of payment schedule.

- Payments to daily labour, diesel/oils/lubricants purchases etc.,
- Payments to soil & Material investigations, studies conducted by Academicians/Consultants/Institutions etc.,
- Vendors for purchases made for Miscellaneous items which are required in the project execution.
- Customs and other duty to be paid etc., for the machinery used for project.
- Any other expenses which are required and commensurate with the execution of project work as supported by Project Authority.

5. The Engineer-in-Chief, PIP has requested the Government to examine the matter and issue orders on sanction of special imprest account of Rs.25 Crores to the Superintending Engineer, PIPHW Circle, Dowlaiswaram which can be recouped from time to time. The above amount will be utilized for arranging payments directly to the parties concerned based on the request of the agency and the amount so paid will be recovered from the subsequent RA bills of the agency. Suitable guidelines for operation of the special imprest account will be formulated and submitted separately.

6. Government, after careful examination, hereby accord sanction of special imprest amount of Rs.25 Crores (Rupees twenty five crores only) to the Superintending Engineer, Polavaram Irrigation Project Head works Circle, Dowlaiswaram which will be utilized for arranging payments directly to the parties concerned based on the request of the agency subject to recovering the amount so paid from the subsequent RA bills of the agency duly relaxing the agreement conditions in the larger interest of the Project. The amounts thus recovered shall be recouped to the imprest fund for subsequent use.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Dowlaiswaram shall take necessary action in the matter.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-WR-II) Department vide their U.O.No.48022/154/FMU-WRII/2017,dt.29-05-2017.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Polavaram Irrigation Project, Dowlaiswaram.

The Superintending Engineer, PIPHW Circle, Dowlaiswaram.

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Finance (FMU-WR-II) Department.

The P.S. to Secretary (WRD)

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